

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Richmond Division**

GILBERT JAMES,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 3:11cv00221

ENCORE CAPITAL GROUP, *et al.*,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF STATEMENT RESPECTING CONSENT

Defendants, Encore Capital Group, Inc., Midland Funding, LLC, and Midland Credit Management, Inc. (collectively, "the Midland Defendants"), by counsel, hereby provide notice, as directed by the Court's Order of June 30, 2011 (Docket No. 20), that: (1) counsel for Midland has conferred with Midland and with counsel for the other parties to determine whether all parties will consent to the assignment of the case to a Magistrate Judge as the presiding judicial officer for this case; and (2) the Midland Defendants give their consent to proceed before a Magistrate Judge in this action.

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MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC and
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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